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1. Approaches. [redacted] ship entered the outer harbor of Chefoo [redacted] Several miles out of the harbor, at point "1", (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor), (37-36-17N, 121-28-12E, approx.) [redacted] ship was approached by two small Communist Chinese naval vessels proceeding from Chefoo Harbor, both patrol-type craft of about 50 tons each. These vessels passed close [redacted] ship but made no challenge or signal, did not reduce speed, and proceeded out to sea. [redacted] they were manned by naval personnel, apparently, in blue uniforms, and each vessel carried three small guns similar to Browning "point-fives". Neither vessel carried visible radar.

a. A pilot came aboard at point "2", (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor), (37-34-52N, 121-26-24E, approx.), boarding from an old "standard" tug which also brought security personnel. [redacted]

all Chinese merchant vessels entering the harbor appeared to use pilots.

- b. [redacted] no obstructions in the approaches.

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f. [] no medical or agricultural inspection was made by Chinese officials, and no medical records of the ship's crew were checked. [] the Chinese security officer commented on the number of flies aboard the ship, a ridiculous comment since the flies had all come from CHEFOO. 25X1

2. Anchorage

a. Vessel anchored outside the inner harbor to allow 1500 tons of cargo to be removed, to lighten the ship. Anchorage bearings: 37-33-22N, 121-26-10E, approximately. (Point "3" on H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor). 25X1

b. Holding ground material at anchorage was mud or clay [] Quality of holding was not discernible. 25X1

3. Harbor

a. Width of harbor entrance appeared to agree with [] chart. Breakwaters were as shown on H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor, and were in excellent condition [] Breakwaters were built of stone with cement facings. 25X1

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4. Controls

a. [] ship entered the outer harbor without challenge of any sort, unless the two small patrol craft were sent to investigate his ship, which did not seem likely. [] entrance or anchorage in the area below the dotted line (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor) which is marked between Tower Point, CHEFOO, and Evans Island, is still prohibited. 25X1

b. Communist Chinese security personnel came aboard [] at Point "2", (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor), with the pilot, and consisted of one officer and two others apparently enlisted personnel. The Chinese referred to their security personnel as "Defense" personnel. The entire ship's company, officers and men, were required to line up on deck amidships; the security police then searched the entire vessel, each of the three Chinese going separately accompanied by one of the ship's officers. All radio, electronic, and navigation equipment were sealed at this time, and the use of such equipment was forbidden for the duration of the vessel's stay at CHEFOO. The cargo was inspected briefly. No radiological check was made of the ship. 25X1

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c. The papers of crew members were not checked exhaustively. However, a new "permanent" pass system is now in effect. Each member of the ship's crew was required to have a special pass issued by the Chinese security forces. The passes were filled out by the Chinese and contained identifying data about crew members. No photographs were taken for the passes, nor were signatures required. The Communist Chinese charged a fee for the passes, however, and recalled all passes issued before the ship left CHEFOO. the passes were part of a new system, and that all passes were eventually filed with the central government; when the system is complete passes for foreign merchant seamen will be issued or reissued by the central government when required, for each visit.

d. Chinese security personnel remained aboard during the entire time in CHEFOO. When the ship tied up to discharge cargo, a sentry was placed at the gangplank, ashore. Crew members were allowed ashore at will between 0800 and 2400 daily. Passes were checked and logged in or out at all times for those boarding or leaving the ship. Crew members were permitted to walk around CHEFOO at will; however, they were not permitted to go beyond the suburbs of the city, and generally remained within the shopping and waterfront section of the city.

5. Harbor Craft

a. harbor craft consisted of tugs, fishing junks, and wooden lighters which were also junks. all tugs observed were old pre-war steam vessels, 60-70 feet in length. Junks were used for fishing, and also as lighters. there were about 100 fishing boats in CHEFOO Harbor, 40-80 feet in length, many of them diesel powered.

b. one dredge in the harbor: a floating dredge with a "tripod" bracing structure, approximately 60 feet long, 30 feet wide; the dredge was moored alongside the mole in the inner harbor, at Point "9" (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor), where it was apparently being used in building a new keywall. (See paragraph 6 below).

c. no salvage equipment; however, a single diver working near the shore, on the southern side of Tower Point, at Point "7", (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor).

6. Berth

a. ship tied up alongside the wharf at the end of the mole in CHEFOO inner harbor. first tied up at the western end of the wharf, and the second day was moved approximately 100 feet toward the eastern end of the wharf. One "standard" tug was used for docking the ship.

(1) wharf about 520 feet long. The wharf is of cement construction, cement facing, and is in excellent condition.

(2) Depth alongside the wharf is 25 feet as marked on H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor.

(3) The wharf apron is about 30 feet wide; the first four feet out from the wharf edge are cement, the remainder is a "sand" surface. (Comment: "sand" may mean gravel.)

(4) a long shed is built on the wharf along most of its length. The shed is a single-story structure about 20 feet deep and has about 10 large sliding doors; it is constructed of concrete and has a corrugated metal roof. The shed is in excellent condition.

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(5) [] no cranes in the harbor.

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(6) [] there were no railroad tracks serving the wharf, nor any apparent to him at any place in CHEFOO.

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(7) The roadway serving the wharf ran along the mole out into CHEFOO Harbor. [] the road was about 20 feet wide, in bad condition, a rough dirt surface, and neither level nor straight.

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b. Utilities available:

(1) Electricity: none available.

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(2) Water: [] ship took on 180 tons of water at CHEFOO. Water was brought in diesel-powered junks. Three and sometimes four junks delivered water at once, each junk delivering 15 tons in about one hour. The junks pumped water through 3" canvas hoses. [] the water was of excellent quality for both drinking and boiler use, appeared to be slightly chlorinated, and cost \$2 Chinese per ton.

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(3) Fuel: [] no fuel was available [] in CHEFOO, and that there were no fixed facilities on the wharf for delivering fuel. [] the Communist Chinese had asked 38 pounds Sterling per ton for fuel oil in Shanghai, on a previous voyage, several times the rate in Japan or Singapore. [] no fuel tanks [] at any time while in CHEFOO.

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7. Construction

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[] the only construction work which he observed in CHEFOO Harbor was a dredging and building project of some sort on the mole, or keywall.

a. Location: 37-33-07N, 121-23-05E, (approx.), marked as Point "9" on H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor.

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b. [] the Chinese appeared to be repairing or re-
building the keywall; a fairly large dredge was tied up at the construction
site. [] a pipeline, about 9 inches in diameter, was being in-
stalled in the mole; [] the pipe was not part
of a water system; []
they planned to install a water system on the wharf. In addition to the work
on the mole, [] wooden pilings had been driven into the harbor
floor alongside the mole at the construction site []

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c. Construction appeared to be at an early stage.

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8. Naval Installations

[] no naval installations at CHEFOO, nor any indication of such.

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9. Shipbuilding and Ship Repair

a. [] a boatyard on the east side of CHEFOO Harbor, located at
Point "15" on H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor. []

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b. [] buildings in the boatyard were all apparently
"small"; [] a small facility in general.

c. Ship construction:

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(2) The boatyard was apparently devoted to building and repair of small
wooden junks; [] the junks under repair or construction
appeared to be about 40 feet in length, and [] no larger boats under
construction.

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(4) [] no marine railways and no graving docks at the boatyard,
or at any other place in CHEFOO.

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d. Ship Repair:

(1) [] no floating drydocks, no graving docks, and no
marine railways.

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e. [] no cranes in CHEFOO Harbor.

f. [] no new facilities under construction at the boatyard.

g. [] no indication that the boatyard was used for any purpose
other than repair and/or building of small craft []

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10. [] no railway lines or equipment of any kind in CHEFOO.

11. [] no evidence of Soviet participation in the
administration of CHEFOO; in fact, [] no Caucasians in CHEFOO []

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12. Naval

a. Two Chinese Communist patrol-boats [redacted] outside CHEFOO Harbor are described above. In addition, [redacted] one other Chinese Communist naval vessel [redacted] a "river gun-boat", which was anchored in CHEFOO Harbor at Point "13" (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor), (37-33-00N, 121-23-05E, approx.). [redacted] the gun-boat was a small vessel of about 100-150 tons. [redacted]

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[redacted] no other naval vessels in or near CHEFOO.

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c. The only naval personnel [redacted] at CHEFOO were the personnel aboard the two small patrol craft outside of the harbor, and the pilot who took ship into CHEFOO. [redacted]

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[redacted] the pilot wore a blue uniform, a blue tunic with breast buttons and no insignia [redacted] the pilot's cap had a red insignia of sorts, probably a star. The personnel aboard the patrol craft also wore blue uniforms [redacted]

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e. Defense Installations:

(1) [redacted] two towers in CHEFOO which were apparently radio towers; the towers were positioned next to the old Japanese Consulate, location marked by Point "10" (see H.O. Chart of Chefoo Harbor), in the town of CHEFOO. In addition, [redacted] two guns on the roof of the Japanese Consulate which appeared to be small antiaircraft guns, described [redacted] as ".5 cannon".

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(2) [redacted] no electronic apparatus in or near CHEFOO other than the radio towers described in the preceding paragraph.

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(3) [redacted] there is an old "fort" on the end of the wharf in CHEFOO Harbor [redacted] this "fort" is marked as Point "11" (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor). [redacted] the fort was quite old and circular in shape; it had no electronic gear or armament visible; it was used by security personnel as an office or guard house of some sort.

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(4) [redacted] a concrete structure on the top of CHEFOO Peak, (37-37-03N, 121-22-38E, approx.) marked as Point "12" (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor). [redacted] the structure resembled a large gun-emplacement but [redacted] no guns or electronic equipment.

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(5) [redacted] no defense installations in or near CHEFOO other than those described in foregoing paragraphs.

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f. Security personnel came aboard [redacted] with the pilot; a "standard" tug was employed to bring them to the ship. [redacted]

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(1) [] all Chinese Communist security personnel wore Khaki uniforms, and were known as "defense" personnel. []

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(2) The only security personnel encountered ashore in CHEFOO [] were those assigned [] these consisted of the security officer who first came aboard and sentries who were posted at the ship's gangplank, one at a time. The only "security headquarters" [] was the old "fort" on the end of the wharf.

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13. Merchant Shipping

a. [] three merchant ships in CHEFOO Harbor, all Communist Chinese vessels; two were anchored in the Harbor and the third was moored to the wharf adjacent to source's ship for two days. [] the three ships were very similar; that they were all 1920-vintage "British tramp" cargo ships, probably coal-burners, each about 3,000 gross tons. [] they were all single stack vessels with 4 hatches, that they had no stack markings, all painted green.

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c. [] no Soviet fishing vessels in or near CHEFOO.

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d. [] about 100 fishing junks in CHEFOO harbor, 40-80 feet in length, many of them diesel powered. [] diesel junks were also used as lighters for water. Tugs in the harbor were old "standard" type tugs of pre-war design. All small craft were apparently manned by civilian crews; [] no uniformed crew members or officers except aboard the two patrol-type vessels described above.

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14. Shore Activities of Merchant Marine Personnel

a. [] no military personnel in CHEFOO except the security personnel attached to [] ship; [] no foreign merchant marine personnel []

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(1) [] the only source of amusement for merchant marine personnel in CHEFOO, with the exception of shopping and sightseeing, was afforded by the "Seamen's Union", an official government recreation center for merchant seamen.

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(2) The Seamen's Union [] was a large building near the water front in CHEFOO which contained in part a bar, a restaurant, and a theatre. [] it was the only center for merchant seamen in CHEFOO and seemed to be quite popular with the local members. []

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(3) [] a representative of the Seamen's Union, known as the "host", acted as representative of the Union [] The "host" also seemed to be an officer in the Union; he was a very friendly and jovial person, and was quite hospitable toward [] members. []

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(4) The Seamen's Union [redacted] sold beer and brandy, both of Communist Chinese manufacture, apparently. The beer was sold for 69¢ (Chinese) per bottle, of which 15¢ was a bottle deposit, returned with return of the bottle; brandy was sold for 6 Chinese dollars

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(5) [redacted] there were no apparent red light districts or prostitutes in CHEFOO; [redacted] prostitution had been made illegal by the Communist Chinese Government and had been eliminated, at least to outward appearances; [redacted] no evidence of prostitution in CHEFOO.

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(6) [redacted] the stores in the shopping district of CHEFOO were quite "nice"

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15. Miscellaneous

a. [redacted] the general attitudes of Chinese encountered in CHEFOO varied from reserved to openly friendly. Many were quite curious, and gathered around [redacted] crew members whenever they entered a store or stopped on the street. [redacted] no anti-American feeling per se.

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b. The only anti-regime feeling [redacted] in CHEFOO was expressed by the interpreter [redacted]. The interpreter was a young man, about 23 years old, who was assigned [redacted] for the duration of her stay at CHEFOO, and who acted as agent for the ship. [redacted] this man spoke excellent English and appeared to be a very intelligent man. The interpreter said that he had decided, as a student, to study English, believing that knowledge of English would procure interesting work and relatively important assignments in the Communist Chinese Government. Instead of such work, he had been assigned as interpreter at CHEFOO upon graduation from college a year or two before, and he was very disappointed with the assignment, which he did not find satisfying. He felt [redacted] that his ability and knowledge were being wasted, and remarked that he would not have made English his major field of study if he had known that he would be given so trivial an assignment.

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d. [redacted] no remarks or propaganda from Chinese at CHEFOO regarding Formosa. However, [redacted] on a previous trip to Communist China, [redacted] a large map of Formosa on the wall of a building; the map showed the line of advance of Communist Chinese troops on Formosa (Taiwan). [redacted] spoke of the obvious deceit of this map to Communist Chinese officials [redacted] and ridiculed the absurdity of it; the Chinese officials were displeased and attempted to argue the matter.

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- e. CHEFOO. [redacted] no evidence of troop concentrations or movements at no military personnel ashore at CHEFOO.
- f. [redacted] no jet aircraft, or aircraft of any kind, over CHEFOO.
- g. [redacted] no evidence of civil defense preparations at CHEFOO. 25X1
- h. [redacted] port labor personnel [redacted] were all men, all Chinese, and of varying ages - some young, some older. [redacted] they were apparently efficient workers, and apparently "free"; [redacted] no evidence of "forced" labor. 25X1
- i. [redacted] no highway or rail connections to the port area. The only industry [redacted] in CHEFOO was the fish-curing houses located on the south side of CHEFOO Harbor, at Point "14" (see H.O. Chart 2158 of Chefoo Harbor). 25X1
- j. [redacted] no evidence of railway equipment or tracks at CHEFOO. 25X1

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